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EDITORIAL

THE ISRAEL C. RUSSELL LIBRARY

Through the generous gift of Mrs. Russell, the library of the late Professor Israel C. Russell has become the property of the University of Michigan; and by her request it will be kept separate to form the nucleus of a Departmental Library of Geology. The Regents of the University in accepting the gift authorized changes in the Museum Building—at present the home of the Geological Department—and in a few weeks the books will be arranged upon shelves in a new geological seminary room to be known as the “Israel C. Russell Room” and prepared as a memorial to this distinguished geologist. The collection which thus comes into the possession of the University of Michigan is especially rich in the separate publications of geologists; and these, like the reports and bound volumes of the collection, are to be entered in the main library catalogue of the university. An appeal will be made to working geologists here and abroad, in the hope that they will place upon their exchange lists in place of Professor Russell’s name the name “Russell Library,” continuing the old address (University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich., U. S. A.). Contributions to the collection will be acknowledged by the University Librarian, promptly entered in the catalogue, and sent to the Russell Room, where they will at once become accessible to all students of geology. A similar request will be made of the Directors of Geological Surveys and of other geological institutions, in order that the very valuable series of their publications may be kept complete. It is thought that means will be found to continue the subscription on behalf of the Library to the important geological and geographic journals which were regularly taken by Professor Russell.

Printed address slips for mailing or expressing publications will be supplied upon application either to the University Librarian or to Professor William H. Hobbs, in care of the University. If notified in advance, the Library will generally be willing to pay the charges upon express packages.